

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 20 through page 13, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

By way of example only, preferred embodiments of the invention are now described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is one example of a prior art cochlear implant system;

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of one embodiment of a tissue-stimulating device of the present invention adapted for insertion in the cochlea of an implantee;

Fig. 3 depicts the device of Fig. 2 implanted in the cochlea;

Fig. 4a depicts an alternative arrangement for the device of Figs 2 and 3;

Fig. 4b depicts a further alternative arrangement for the device of Figs 2 and 3;

Fig. 4c depicts a further alternative arrangement for the device of Figs 2 and 3;

Figs. 5a and 5b are cross-sectional views of another embodiment of a device according to the present invention; and

Figs. [[6a-8b]] 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, and 8b depict alternative arrangements for minimising the friction between the first and second portions of the device according to embodiments of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In this embodiment, it is envisaged that the stylet-like shaping element would remain in place within the second portion following implantation of the device. It is envisaged that in this

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embodiment, the second portion would be relatively thinner in size, than a second portion that otherwise preferentially adopts a curved configuration following deployment as described above and as described in more detail in the Applicant's copending application no _____.